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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on *01/30/2004*.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-16* is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-16* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

      1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

      2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

      3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

    * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to the communication "Printing addresse in franking

system".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35

U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section

made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated

by Anthony Storace et al. (US Patent No: 4,831,554) hereinafter

referenced as Storace.

As Per Claim 1:

Storace discloses a system for franking system for printing mail item

with shipping charges and address comprising, [{fig.2, 49}, postage

printing]:

franking meter constructed calculate and apply shipping charges

indicium onto mail items or label, [{col.2, lines 40-41} accounting systems];

user interface address data and entering security codes selecting

addresses, [{fig.7, 608}, postage input, which displays the user interface];

security device constructed verify authenticity of entered security

codes, [{col.2, lines 45-46}, user is verified, form of security];

digital printer capable of printing shipping charges indicium and

address data on a mail item or label, [{fig.2, 49}, printing postage];

communication interlink for accessing an external database containing

accurate address data, [{fig.7,610}, communication control];

a control processor for controlling the operation said postage meter,

security device, printer, and communication interlink according algorithms

stored in a memory, [{fig.2, 28} CPU];

memory operatively connected said control processor storing said

algorithms, said algorithms adapted to provide least a shipping function, an

address function, and accounting function, [{fig.2, 34}, non volatile

memory];

and wherein said memory constructed store address data available for

printing and accounting data said franking meter, [{fig.2,32} memory

stored/ working data].

As Per Claim 2:

Storace discloses a system a franking system, wherein said address

function includes communicating with an external database addresses and

checking the accuracy of addresses selected for printing on a mail item,

[{fig. 4} communication route].

As Per Claim 3:

Storace discloses a system a franking system said address data

includes, destination routing, delivery, and tracking codes, [{col.5, lines

20}, transferring data through the CPU in the memory, which means that in

the memory is stored additional information on delivery destination].

As Per Claim 4:

Storace discloses a system said memory is constructed to store

customer accounts, [{col.4, line 30}, communication with banking facility].

As Per Claim 5:

Storace discloses a system claim said memory includes read-only memory modules for storing address data in process, [{fig.7, 614}, memory].

As Per Claim 6:

Storace discloses a system according claim wherein said communication link is a modem for connecting to an Internet server and said database of accurate address data is accessible by means of said Internet server, [{col.4, lines 20-24}, communication between station by way of MODEM].

As Per Claim 7:

Storace discloses a system wherein said communication link is a modem for connecting to and third party server and said database of accurate address data is accessible by means of a direct secure phone line, [{col.4, lines 20-24}, communication between station by way of MODEM].

As Per Claim 8:

Storace discloses a system wherein said communication link

constructed to connect a personal digital assistant connecting Internet,

[{col.6, lines 64}, customer assistance].

As Per Claim 9:

Storace discloses a system wherein said communication link is

constructed connect personal computer for connecting the Internet third

party server, [{col.6, lines 1-4}, communication for communication between

the center and CPU].

As Per Claim 10:

Storace discloses a system A method of operating steps of: franking

system comprising feeding a mail item to a printer, [{fig.7, 604}, postage

and message printer];

entering security codes into a postal security device, [{fig.2, 36},

input];

verifying the authenticity of said security codes, [{verify the account,

col. 7, lines 5-60]; said

security codes are authorized, selecting at least one address from an internal address database for application to said mail item, [{fig. 3, initialed the process, retrieves data from the database];

verifying the accuracy of said selected address, [{verify the account, col. 7, lines 5-60]; said

address accurate, calculating shipping charges and printing the mail item label with shipping charge indicium and address data, [postage printing, fig.1, 49]; said

address is inaccurate, correcting said address, entering said corrected address said internal database, calculating the shipping charges and printing the mail item or label with shipping charge indicium and address data, [{verify the account, col. 7, lines 5-60].

As Per Claim 11:

Storace discloses a method of operating a franking machine, according to claim wherein the step of verifying the accuracy of said selected address further comprises the steps of:

communicating with an external database of accurate addresses, [{fig.7, 610}, communication control]; and

comparing said selected address with data from said external database

determine the accuracy of the selected address, [{col.9, lines 19-20},

verifying new message then applying to memeory].

As Per Claim 12:

Storace discloses a method of operating a franking machine, according

claim wherein said external database accessible through an Internet server,

[{fig.2, 25}, CPU is able to access the internet and information stored in

database].

As Per Claim 13:

Storace discloses a method A method of operating a franking machine,

according to claim wherein said external database accessible directly

through a phone line, [{fig.1, 26} telephone lines].

As Per Claim 14:

Storace discloses a method of operating a franking machine, according

claim wherein said address printed accordance with predetermined shipping

forms, [{fig.2, 49}, postage printing].

As Per Claim 15:

Storace discloses a method of operating a franking machine, according

claim wherein said address data includes, destination information, routing,

delivery, and tracking codes, [{fig.7, 604}, postage and message printer,

which encompasses all important data such as information found on indicia].

As Per Claim 16:

Storace discloses a method A franking system, according claim

wherein said memory further stores commercial shipping forms for use in

printing said address on said mail item, [{col.5, lines 22}, transfer data to

CPU, stores information in permanent memory].

Conclusion

Any concerns in regard to this communication, the examiner **Jon Bass** can be reached at

(571) 272-6905 between the hours of **9-6pm Monday through Friday.** The fax number for the

establishment where the application is being process is **(571) 273-8300.**

If an attempt to reach the examiner is unsuccessful for any reason, the examiner's immediate

supervisor, **John Hayes** can be reached at **(571) 272-6708.**

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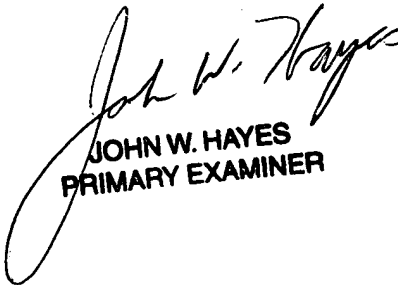Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see http:// pair-direct.uspto.gov.

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